

March 5, 1999

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Bicycle Task Force

FROM: Patrick McDermott, Chandler, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, March 16, 1999 - 1:00 p.m.
MAG Offices, Suite 200 - Ocotillo Room
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

The Regional Bicycle Task Force will meet at the time and place noted above. **Please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting as parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. Bicycles can be locked in the rack at the entrance to the parking garage.** If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Coomer or John Farry at 254-6300.

Please be advised that under procedures adopted by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership, or seven people for the MAG Regional Bicycle Task Force. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

	<u>TASK FORCE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Approval of the February 16, 1999 Meeting Minutes</u>	2. Review and approve the meeting minutes from February 16, 1999.
3. <u>Call to the Audience</u>	3. For information.
An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Task Force.	

Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments.

4. The Role of Bicycling in Meeting Welfare to Work Needs

Carol Kratz, MAG Human Services Manager, will update the committee on existing and potential programs to help meet welfare to work and low-income transportation needs.

5. Status Report on FYs 1999, 2000 and 2001 Federally Funded Bicycle Projects

Staff will report on the status of federally funded bicycle projects. Please refer to Attachment One.

6. Update on Federally Funded Bicycle Project Selection Process

Staff will provide an update on the selection of Federally funded bicycle projects. The Transportation Review Committee recommended a program of projects on February 23, 1999 and the Management Committee will review the projects on March 10, 1999. Please refer to Attachment Two.

7. Advance Design of Bicycle Projects

At the meeting on February 16, 1999, members were notified of the potential availability of federal funds to design bicycle projects already included in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The design of several projects has been recommended for 1999, and will need to be obligated by September 15, 1999. Please refer to Attachment Three.

4. For information, discussion and possible action.

5. For information, discussion and possible action.

6. For information, discussion and possible action.

7. For information, discussion and possible action.

8. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Comments on Bikeway Projects in the FY 2000-2004 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

MAG has received a letter from FHWA about the types of bicycle projects eligible for federal funding. Please refer to Attachment Four.

9. Items for Future Work Programs

At the last Task Force meeting, possible items for work programs were discussed. Developing a plan of regional off-street pathways for non-motorized travel was supported by the committee. These pathways would be located in desert greenbelts and linear parkways built on rights-of-way along canals, high-voltage transmission lines, gas line easements, and flood control channels. These types of rights-of-way and easements are found throughout Maricopa County and intersect numerous arterial streets where the local daily destinations people travel to are typically located. An update on how to proceed will be provided to the Task Force.

Staff will discuss the status of other potential programs, such as creation of regional design guidelines, updating the bicycle ordinance review, and updating and distributing the Regional Bikeways Map.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, 1999 at 1:00 p.m. in the Octotillo Room.

8. For information, discussion and possible action.

9. For information, discussion and possible action.

10. For information.